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### Mexico Announces Limited Dry Bean Support Program

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 23, 2013, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) announced a program that gives financial support to bean grower organizations who have stockpiled their black and pinto beans in storage warehouses from the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Zacatecas. This program is only effective for the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle. According to the announcement, SAGARPA's Agro-food and Fisheries Information Service estimate of dry bean production stands at 780,000 metric tons for the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle. The announced production level is double that of the same crop cycle a year earlier when Mexico was affected by a severe drought.

**Executive Summary:**

On April 23, 2013 SAGARPA announced a program that gives economic support to bean grower organizations that have stockpiled their black and pinto beans in storage warehouses from the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Zacatecas. This program is only effective for the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle. According to the announcement, SAGARPA's Agro-food and Fisheries Information Service (SIAP) estimate dry bean production stands at 780,000 metric tons for the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle, which is twice the production level obtained in the same crop cycle a year earlier.

Approximately, 64 percent of total bean production is concentrated in the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Zacatecas where mostly pinto and black bean varieties are grown. The announcement states that as a result of the high production levels in these three states, movement of the harvested legume seasonal surplus to proper storage and commercial markets become much less efficient and considered a main contributor to the drop in farm gate prices. To compensate growers for seasonal low market prices, SAGARPA is supporting dry bean grower organizations for up to 1,500 pesos per ton (approximately US\$118 per ton) provided certain conditions are met as outlined in the announcement.

**General Information:**

This report summarizes an [Announcement](#) from the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on April 23, 2013. The report makes public a domestic support program available to dry bean grower organizations in the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Zacatecas effective for the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle. The program only supports black and pinto beans from these three states.

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**Title:** Notice makes known the support for the dry beans commercial process in the states of Chihuahua, Durango and Zacatecas for the 2012 spring/summer agricultural crop cycle

**Important Dates**

1. Publication Date: April 23, 2013
2. Effective Date: April 24, 2013

**Other important features of the new economic support:**

The announcement stated that the objective of this economic support will be the dry bean grower organizations (legally constituted under the applicable Mexican law), acting as buyers of this legume and with warehouses and authorized credit lines as well as stocks of black and pinto beans stockpiled during the 2012 spring/summer crop cycle.

The announcement provides support to dry beans grower organizations for up to 1,500 pesos per ton (approximately US\$118 per ton) of beans stockpiled in enabled storages in the period November 15, 2012 to March 31, 2013 for Chihuahua's dry beans, and December 15, 2012 to April 15, 2013 for

Durango and Zacatecas' dry beans. The new support has a production limit of 50,000 metric tons (MT) for black beans and 50,000 MT for pinto beans.

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<a href="#">MX2023</a>	Grain and Feed Annual Report Update	04/23/2012
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<a href="#">MX2008</a>	Mexico Looks to Sources More Dry Beans	02/13/2012
<a href="#">MX2003</a>	Mexico Looks to Increase Imports of Dry Beans	01/18/2012

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